GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3702
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PRIVATE COURIER SERVICE
P. RAJENDRAN

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to legalise the Private Courier Service by taking away the `Exclusive Privilege` Clause from the Indian Post Office Act;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the effective steps taken to curb the unlawful conveyance of letters etc. by private couriers?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) Under Section 58 of the Indian Post Office Act 1898, provisions already exist for punishment of offenders of `exclusive privilege` of the Govt. to convey letters.